

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Re application of: Nguyen *et al.*

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For: *Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the
Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of
Glaucoma and Related Disorders*

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Response to the Office Action Dated September 10, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Remarks

Claims 79-81 and 91-126 are pending. Claims 92, 93, 95, 98, 99, 101, 104, 105, 107, 110, 111, 113, 116, 117, 119, 122, 123, and 125 stand withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected sequences. Claims 79-81, 91, 94, 96, 97, 100, 102, 103, 106, 108, 109, 112, 114-115, 118, 120-121, 124, and 126 are being examined on their merits to the extent of SEQ ID NO.: 3.

I. Figures

Applicants note that they did not receive a copy of the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO form 948, accompanying the Office Action. Applicants respectfully